University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association Executive Board Meeting Nov. 5, 2004

1:30-2:45 pm

Fourth Floor Conference Room

Present: Mary Amann, Jack Batterson (recorder), Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton, Mark Ellis, Karen Eubanks, Karla Geerlings, Tammy Green, Ruthe Morse, Pearl Newbrough, Karen Paulik, and Wayne Sanders

Superstar award:

The Board will discuss at a later date and bring this issue up at the annual meeting.

Muse:

Rachel and Karla will come out with a holiday issue at the end of this year. Rachel recently sent via email some suggestions of topics for the first issue of 2005:

On the edge Futurama Roots Foreign Lands

Social:

Halloween Party:

The party went well, and the pumpkin contest was successful. MULSA will donate the \$17 raised from the pumpkin contest to the November food drive.

Christmas party:

MulSA will do something similar to the pumpkin contest at the Library's Christmas party. People will create decorations for the decorations contest. The ticket prices will go up to .50 cents from .25. Tammy will announce this contest at the Thanksgiving party.

Thanksqiving Party (Nov. 18, 11-1 pm):

In lieu of the \$3 admission fee for non-MULSA members, one can bring three cans of pet food as a donation to Columbia Second Chance. A donation box for Columbia Second Chance animal supplies will be placed in the staff lounge. Mary will work with Pearl on party announcement and MULSA member recruitment in the Library News Notes.

The board will provide some items for this party:

Ruthe- Breads

Tammy-Stuffing

Wayne-drinks

Steve-veggie

Other board members will decide later what to bring to the party.

Fund raisers:

Book bags:

Karen Paulik called various local vendors and priced the different bag options.

Cookies:

Ruthe would no longer have time to bake cookies. Volunteers are needed to help with this.

Courtesy chair report:

October, 2004:

- 6) Sue Barnes: \$30 donation to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in honor of her mother, Ruth Wedon
- 7) Sue Shuermann: A Get-well card for a hospital stay.
- 27) Sue Barnes: A thank you card for the donation to Grace Church.
- 30) Pat Holmes: A sympathy card for the loss of her husband.

Buying flowers:

Tammy Raised the idea of increasing the amount of money MULSA pays for flowers for Memorials from \$30 to \$40. Prices are increasing, but MULSA's funds are declining. Currently, MULSA pays \$18 for illness, \$25-30 for in-town funeral, and \$35-40 for out of town funeral. The board decided to table this idea until MULSA has a better idea what its income situation will be.

Community chair:

Mark Ellis received no reply to his letter from the Blue Bird organizers. He will try one more time. If he is unsuccessful, we will pick a new organization such as the Rainbow House.

Mark will include the Voluntary Action Center's Adopt-a-family information and the annual November food drive information in the Library news notes. Ruthe announced that the delivery date for the Adopt-a-family gifts is December 13th.

Mark mentioned the idea of building a student employee community feeling around the libraries and encouraging the students to join MULSA at a student level might be a way to do that.

Checking account:

The board voted to move MULSA's checking account to Boone National Savings. MULSA would eventually have to pay a monthly fee at the Credit Union when our account balance falls below \$2,500. [This was done in Feb./March 2005]

Display board:

There are future plans to promote MULSA with pictures or facts about MULSA on the display cabinet outside the staff lounge, facing the elevators. Tammy asked the Board to be thinking of what we could put in this display case.

Meeting with Jim:

Tammy spoke briefly about the meeting on legistimizing MULSA as a library committee. This would encourage more people to join MULSA. Tammy hopes there will be another meeting with Jim by the end of January, 2005. From this meeting, she should find out how the ongoing book sale is doing.